

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Drawings

Figure 4A is objected to because it is not designated by a legend such as --PRIOR ART--.

The drawings are also objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include certain reference characters mentioned in the specification.

In response, a Request for Approval to Amend the Drawings is being filed concurrently herewith in which reference characters “7” and “7a” are added in Figure 1; reference characters “A” and “7” are added in Figure 2; the legend --PRIOR ART-- is added in Figure 4A; and reference characters “SD” and “7a” are added and reference character “8” is deleted in Figure 6. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that the objections to the drawings have been overcome.

Specification

The specification is objected to because of minor informalities noted by the Examiner. The specification has been amended to attend to any informalities, including those kindly identified by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims Status

Claims 1 through 8 remain pending in the application and have been allowed. Claims 1, 2, and 4 have been amended to even more succinctly define the invention and/or

to improve its form. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not affect the allowability of the claims and that no new matter has been added. Claim 1 is the only independent claim pending in the application.

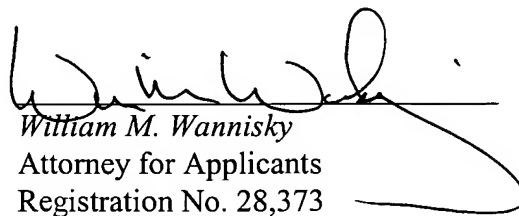
Closing Comments

No art rejections have been lodged against the claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims on file are allowable over the art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address shown below.

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